

## EGREMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MAY 28, 2020 Held via Zoom

### MINUTES

Members present virtually: Tynan, Seligman, Fakelman, Campbell, Riordan, Frater (Associate)

Guests present virtually: Mike Parsons, Mary McGurn

Called to order by Chairman Tynan, 5:30 p.m.

Reading of the preamble to virtual (remote) meetings per Governor Baker.

Approval of minutes of the previous meeting: Approved as corrected.

Public Hearings:

Continuation of the hearing on RDA by BNRC regarding repair of a wood road leading to a cabin on Barrett Woods West Preserve off Pumpkin Hollow Road, including replacement of an inadequate and damaged culvert and reinforcement of banks adjacent to culvert, which involves a perpetual stream and is subject to the Wetlands protection act. Hearing on the RDA closed, as RDA is withdrawn. NOI submitted by BNRC (case number will be entered as soon as it is available). Public Hearing scheduled for June 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Projects New and Ongoing:

Upper Millard Road. Receipt of proposed septic system plan showing two intermittent streams within 100 ft. of system and proposed house. Need to schedule site visit with Parsons. RDA submitted but unavailable at time of meeting. Public Hearing scheduled for June 11, 5:30 p.m.

16 Mill Road. Ground mounted solar system update. Work plan modified.

3 Knox Lane update. Project was approved by Town without Concom review. Tynan will write to Building Inspector and Board of Health re: need to consider proximate wetlands that may not be located on the permitted property,

91 Blunt Road Forest Cutting Plan. Approved Cutting Plan trumps Wetlands Protection Act considerations. Complainants concerns may be related to property boundary issues, not in Concom jurisdiction.

20 Jug End Road, John and Silivia Ogilvie. Filing of OoC and Special Conditions. Completed. Need exact location of special area to be staked out for low fencing. Emily Stockman will stake out; site visit to follow.

161 Jug End Road. Request for notice of approval for Diquat application to small pond. Tynan will contact licensed applicator with approval.

Notification of Diquat application to Prospect Lake, 6/2.

Information session with Forester Tom Ryan at French Park re; possible Stewardship Grants for tree census of Town and Land Trust properties. Seligman will discuss with ELT Board and Select Person Vermeulen will discuss with BoS. Concom will support these efforts. BoS may ask Concom to apply on behalf of the Town.

Inquiry from Adam Blank, 8 Lakeside Drive re: possibly problematic swamp maple adjacent to small canal and neighboring property. Site visit by Frater, Fakelman, Riordan. No immediate action recommended. Overhanging branch does not appear to be endangering house. Recommended just to keep an eye on the tree for ongoing safety,

Receipt of proposed plan for trail widening at Catamount. Concom requests more detail including exact dimensions of widening. Need to assess proximity to wetlands using Mass Wetlands maps and measurement tool.

Citizen Inquiries: None

Correspondence:

Discussion of Gap signage at Prospect Lake. New signage approved by BoS and FoPl.

Notice of ZBA special permit decision for expanded use of facilities at Catamount.

Administrative: Noted that Commissioner Campbell abstained from any votes taken on diquat application and expressed his opposition to its use anywhere in Egremont.

Adjournment: 6:24 p.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings: June 11, 2020; June 25, 2020

Respectfully Submitted: David Seligman

(Approved 6/11/20)